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SUBJECT: NON-IMMIGRANT VISA ISSUANCE PROCESS

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES RENEWED IMPORTANCE DEPT ASSIGNING TO NIV FUNCTION AND SUBMITS FOLLOWING COMMENTS, QUESTIONS KEYED TO REFTEL AND A REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR OFFICE EQUIPMENT.

2. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

(C. 1) IN ORDER CONFORM TO LOCAL WORKING HOURS, BEGINNING MAY 1973, CONSULAR SECTION ADOPTED HOURS FROM 7 AM TO 3:30 PM WITH STAGGERED LUNCH BREAKS THUS PROVIDING CONTINUOUS OPEN HOURS DURING DAY. VISA APPLICATIONS, HOWEVER, ARE ACCEPTED ONLY FROM 7 AM UNTIL 2 PM. SINCE REMAINDER OF EMBASSY CONTINUED WORKING FROM 8 AM UNTIL 5 PM IT WAS DECIDED THAT AT LEAST ONE AMERICAN OFFICER WOULD REMAIN UNTIL 5 PM IN ORDER HANDLE ANY EMERGENCIES. THESE HOURS WERE ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED AS SUMMERTIME HOURS, BUT SINCE HAVE PROVEN SO EFFICACIOUS, WE HAVE ADOPTED THIS WORK SCHEDULE THROUGHOUT YEAR. AMERICAN OFFICERS HAVE ALSO FOUND IT USEFUL TO HAVE AN HOUR OR SO PER DAY (FROM 3:30 PM TO 5 PM OR LATER) DURING WHICH RESEARCH AND DRAFTING ON MORE COMPLEX CASES CAN BE DONE WITHOUT INTERRUPTIONS WHICH NORMALLY OCCUR WHEN ENTIRE STAFF IS ON BOARD.

(C. 2) WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND DEPT'S SUGGESTION THAT "INTERVIEWS WITH AMERICAN OFFICERS TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY SHOULD PRECEDE
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CLERICAL PROCESSING OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS". PLEASE CLARIFY.

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(C. 3) ALSO UNCLEAR IS SUGGESTION TO "LIMIT STAFF UTILIZED EXCLUSIVELY IN PROCESSING WALK-INS". FURTHER EXPLANATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

(C. 4) ALTHOUGH WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO EMPLOY RESIDENT AMERICANS AS TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES, LOCAL SALARIES HAVE NOT RISEN TO THE POINT WHERE SUCH A PRACTICE WOULD BE COST-EFFECTIVE.

3. REQUEST FOR FUNDS:

CONSTRUCTION. AT PRESENT, EMBASSY IS AWAITING WORD FROM THE DEP (BELGRADE 1886 AND PREVIOUS) WHETHER FUNDS WILL BE AUTHORIZED FOR RELOCATION OF CONSULAR SECTION FROM PRESENT SITE IN CHANCERY BASEMENT TO ADJACENT, SEPARATE BUILDING. SINCE APPEARS LIKELY FUNDS WILL BE AUTHORIZED, NO FURTHER CONSTRUCTION MONEY NECESSARY FOR PRESENT.

EQUIPMENT. WITH RELOCATION TO SEPARATE BUILDING, CONSULAR SECTION NEEDS FOLLOWING OFFICE EQUIPMENT, SOME OF WHICH WAS PREVIOUSL AVAILABLE BY VIRTUE OF CO-LOCATION IN CHANCERY.

	DOLLARS
IBM MEMORY TYPEWRITER	6,400.00
MONROE MODEL 20 PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DISPLAY CALCULATOR	189.00
3M CANTATA 700 BACKGROUND MUSIC SYSTEM (FOR VISA WAITING ROOM AND PUBLIC AREAS).	819.00
3 WATER DISPENSERS	345.00

EMBASSY ALSO OBTAINING ESTIMATE FOR INSTALLATION OF PNEUMATIC TUBE CONVEYER SYSTEM WHICH WILL BE FURNISHED LATER.
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